

HOUSE RESOLUTION 259

By Love

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Reverend Dr. Frank S. Gordon upon his fortieth anniversary as pastor of Fourteenth Avenue Missionary Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Frank S. Gordon is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who ably serves as the pastor of Fourteenth Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville and is celebrating his fortieth pastoral anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Dr. Gill H. Gordon, Sr., and Mary Frances Corder Gordon of Nashville, Reverend Dr. Gordon was born on January 11, 1953, and graduated from East Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Frank Gordon attended American Baptist College and Trevecca Nazarene College and earned a Doctorate of Theology from Emmanuel Bible College of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, after answering the call to the ministry on August 18, 1972, Reverend Dr. Gordon was ordained on December 16, 1974, at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church under the pastorate of his father; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Frank Gordon began his illustrious tenure with Fourteenth Avenue Missionary Baptist Church in November 1979 and since that time has demonstrated excellence in his calling as a man of God; the church has added hundreds of members and undergone the addition of a new edifice; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Frank Gordon is the president and former first vice president of the Missionary Baptist State Convention of Tennessee, a former moderator of the Nashville City Missionary Baptist District Association, and a board member of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America International Inc.; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Reverend Dr. Gordon has lent his time and talents to numerous civic and charitable organizations, including the Metropolitan Davidson County Sheriff's Work Release Commission, the Tennessee Board of Professional Counselors, the Metropolitan Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, and the Metropolitan Nashville Public School Title I Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Gordon, accompanied by his wife, has had the privilege of traveling to Ghana, having orchestrated the construction of a church there in 2003; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Reverend Dr. Frank Gordon is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Tamera Ellen Riche Gordon, and their two devoted daughters, Tomiko and Trevonda, and their four treasured grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Gordon's commitment to God, his spiritual leadership, and his love for people, as demonstrated throughout his numerous years of service, are worthy of our respect and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Reverend Dr. Frank S. Gordon for his forty years of service to Fourteenth Avenue Missionary Baptist Church and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.